

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Tsuneyuki KIKUCHI  
Title: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, SERVER, METHOD FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
Appl. No.: 09/988,785  
Appl. Filing Date: 11/20/2001  
Examiner: Baturay, Alicia  
Art Unit: 2155  
Confirmation No.: 9130

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

***Mail Stop RCE***

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission **required** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate	Fee Totals	
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	44	—	45	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	16	—	16	=	0	x	\$210.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:							+	\$370.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:								=	\$810.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below: